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OPERATING LIKE PINCERS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of December 27, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 27, 2006, and which has been extended by one month by Applicant's Request for Extension of Time and payment of the requisite fee, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections together with an indication of the allowability of all the claims pending in the present application, in due course.

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